

Dear Commissioners,

I am a fairly frequent traveler, and use my cellular phone on the road quite regularly. It is anecdotally true that people on cell phones generally speak noticeably louder than in private conversations. It is factually true that many people on airplanes are traveling alone. Additionally, persons traveling on aircraft are placed in VERY close proximity to each other. Further air travel is no longer a glamorous experience, it is akin to a crowded bus without the standees.

Allowing people to speak on cell phones on aircraft will pretty much ruin the travel experience for most travelers. I cannot fathom listening to 10, 20 or 100 people chattering away loudly in a tightly enclosed space for three hours (boarding, taxi, flight, taxi, deplaning). The disruption to the collective traveler piece of mind is not something to undertake at this time. I can see the airline industry dealt another devastating blow to because of reduced traffic caused by allowing noisy, and inconsiderate cell phone speakers on the aircraft.

People are not necessarily inconsiderate when using the cell phone, but their focus is directed to the party on the other end of the phone who is naturally not sharing the same location based experience of the traveler. Thus the traveler on the cell phone is less likely to interrupt their call to pay attention to others around them they do not know. For example the flight attendant asking the traveler to stow their seat belt, tray table, seat back etc. may be ignored, not heard, or not understood, thus causing serious safety issues for fellow travelers.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW CELL PHONE USAGE IN FLIGHT